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Welcome to the April 2006 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter, I would like to welcome our new subscribers joining us this month. As usual, we have a selection of links to web sites which I hope you will find informative and entertaining.

The last traces of snow have disappeared from the Montreal area and spring is in full swing. It's great to see longer days, warmer temperatures, migrating birds returning and people coming out of winter hibernation. Spring hamfest season has started as well. Two events in the Montreal area have already been held, with more on the way for parts of Quebec and eastern Ontario over the next month or so. Be sure to check out the hamfest calendar each month in the Newsletter. My apologies, but I am only able to include Canadian events in this listing.

Next month, I will be participating in my fourth annual Baille Birdathon, raising funds for Bird Studies Canada. A number of you have supported me in the past with pledged to this cause most important to me. I will be forwarding you a separate e-mail on the activity in a few days, hoping to count on your support again this year. Please consider your support as a small token of appreciation of this free Newsletter coming to you every month, plus it is a great way to support an important cause. Thank you in advance for your support this year.

Our Monthly Special Zone for April includes sites dealing with Jazz Appreciation Month, World Health Day, National Wildlife Week, Easter and Passover.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

Last month's question was pretty simple. What is your favourite magazine? Well, it seems like the number of magazine readers is very limited in our group. Only 11 responses were received.

There were two magazines tied with two votes each. They were Discover and The Canadian Amateur. The New York Review of Books, Newsweek, Smithsonian, Nouvel Observateur, QST, Latitudes and Attitudes, Model Railroader and Shambala (a Buddhist magazine) each received one vote.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's try the old "Desert Island Disc" question this month. This will be a tough one for many of you, particularly to pick just one answer, but do your best. You're stranded for the rest of your life on a deserted island and can have only one single piece of music or song with you to listen to. It can be a pop song, a standard, an opera, a classical piece, or a jazz number, whatever. What would that one song or piece of music be?

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@...

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

The bottom fell out this month with only 4 contributors. Let's try to get those numbers back up again next month. Thanks to those who took the time.

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Robert Kipp, Langen, Germany
Scottish-Russian Amateur Radio Society, Glasgow, Scotland
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Don Thornton, Belle Mead, New Jersey
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

SMITHSONIAN JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

http://www.smithsonianjazz.org/jam/jam_start.asp

April is Jazz appreciation month. The Smithsonian Institute has set up this special page.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2006/en/

Celebrate the day with details from the World Health Organization's special web page.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

http://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek/

Celebrate wildlife from April 22 through April 30 with information provided from the National Wildlife Federation.

HAPPY EASTER

http://www.happy-easter.com/

This website features a celebration of Easter with information and fun for all members of the family.

JUDAISM 101 PASSOVER

http://www.jewfaq.org/holidaya.htm

From this webpage you will learn the basic and the details of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

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THE APRIL ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of April.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April

Also, here are some special days in April:

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/April_2006.htm

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Alcohol Awareness Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Jazz Appreciation Month
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
Stress Awareness Month
World Habitat Awareness Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

2-8 National Week of the Ocean
23-29 National Wildlife Week
24-28 Electronic Communications Week
24-30 National TV Turnoff Week

SPECIAL DAYS

7 United Nations World Health Day
13-20 Passover
16 Easter Sunday

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

1 April Fools' Day
18 National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
23-29 National Karaoke Week
24-30 National Scoop the Poop Week

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NEW FROM ICOM
THE IC-7000 MOBILE ALL-BAND, ALL MODE TRANSCEIVER

Icom introduces this compact, full coverage mobile transceiver with the technical properties and advantages of IF DSP found in their leading base station models. The unit is loaded with a full bank of digital IF filters, 2 DSP chips and 2-point manual notch filters. It offers the user 35 watts output power on 430/440MHz band as well as 100 watts on HF and 6 meters and 50 watts on 2 meters.

For a complete look at all this unit has to offer, check out the web site at

http://www.icomamerica.com/products/amateur/7000/

The IC-7000, together will all other Icom products, is available from Radio HF.

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THE RADIO ZONE

THE RADIO ST. HELENA PROJECT

http://www.sthelena.se/radioproject/

VIA Robert Kipp, Langen, Germany

Our "Project" to put Radio St. Helena back on the air on shortwaves and to revive the famous "RSH Day" interactive broadcasts is still a

dream, but day by day this dream is coming closer to becoming reality.

MERCURY THEATRE ON THE AIR

http://www.mercurytheatre.info/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The finest radio drama of the 1930's was The Mercury Theatre on the Air, a show featuring the acclaimed New York drama company founded by Orson Welles and John Houseman. In its brief run, it featured an impressive array of talents, including Agnes Moorehead, Bernard Herrmann, and George Coulouris. The show is famous for its notorious War of the Worlds broadcast, but the other shows in the series are relatively unknown. This site has many of the surviving shows, and will eventually have all of them.

RADIO THEATRE ON THE WEB

http://www.greatnorthernaudio.com/audio_theater/radio_theater.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is an excellent page of links to sites featuring all types of radio theatre, new and old.

RADIO AMATEUR ONLINE

http://www.radioamateuronline.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Listed as an excellent starting point for all radio amateurs, this webpage has links to close to 1,200 sites dealing with all aspects of the amateur radio world.

THE EUROPEAN PSK AWARDS PROGRAMME

http://www.eu.srars.org/

VIA The Scottish-Russian Amateur Radio Society, Glasgow, Scotland

The Scottish-Russian ARS is proud to introduce our brand new website - European PSK Award Programme! Much of the site's content has been updated or redesigned along with several new sections and pages. The website's model and construction has been changed entirely. The among some of the new sections are a new awards and badges rules pages, flash albums, easy to apply shopping cart, contest pages, PSK31 links (contests, equipment, soft, articles etc), flash news Blog page where you will find the latest information on the Award Programme's development status. Please have a look around and provide us with your feedback.

N.O.A.A. WEATHER RADIO

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page gives you information on the National Weather Service weather radio stations throughout the U.S., with a useful link to the list of over 900 stations currently broadcasting weather info on

the VHF band.

WEATHER RADIO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA

http://www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/msb/weatheradio/index_e.cfm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This service is Canada's equivalent of the NOAA Weather Radio system, using the same VHF frequencies. From this page you can find all the individual weather radio stations on the air in Canada.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

NEW FROM ICOM IC-PCR1500 & IC-R1500 COMPUTER CONTROLLED RECEIVERS

Icom has released these two new computer controlled receivers, replacing the IC-PRC100 and IC-PCR1000 units.
Both units cover 100 kHz. to 33 MHz, continuous coverage. Note that the Canadian versions of these two units are unblocked. They are all-mode (AM/FM/WFM/SSB/CW) but no AM/SSB/CW above 1300 MHz.
The major difference between the two units is that the IC-R1500 comes with a detachable head for easy mobile use.
The units operate with Microsoft Windows versions XP/2000/ME/98SE
For some odd reason, neither of these receivers have shown up yet on the Icom America webpage, so if you would like to learn more about them, please go to the following Icom Japan page at:

http://www.icom.co.jp/world/products/receivers/pcr1500/index.html

Both receivers are now available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete pricing and availability details.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

http://www.montana.edu/places/gps/understd.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Diana Cooksey, of the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, Montana State University-Bozeman, presents this document providing a verbal explanation of the Global Positoning System. Please see the GPS slide shows for an explanation which includes text.

THE AURAL TIMES

http://www.auraltimes.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Sometimes the events of the day are so bad, only a little song can salve the psychic wound. That's why The Aural Times provides such a valuable service in "singing the news so you don't have to." Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, this clever site gives a melodious

treatment to all the news that's fit to sing.

MAGAZINE ART

http://www.magazineart.org/

VIA Don Thornton, Belle Mead, New Jersey

A free visual database of magazine cover art from the 19th and 20th centuries. Be sure to check the section of radio magazines.

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR POLICY ANALYSIS

http://www.ncpa.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization, established in 1983. The NCPA's goal is to develop and promote private alternatives to government regulation and control, solving problems by relying on the strength of the competitive, entrepreneurial private sector. Topics include reforms in health care, taxes, Social Security, welfare, criminal justice, education and environmental regulation.

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

http://www.epa.gov/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The mission of the Environmental Protection Agency is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people. EPA employs 18,000 people across the country, including our headquarters offices in Washington, DC, 10 regional offices, and more than a dozen labs. Learn more about the EPA from their exhaustive web page.

THE MINUTEMAN PROJECT

http://www.minutemanproject.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

First a warning on this one! You may find the inclusion of this in the Newsletter a little odd, but I'm putting it in here because these guys have shown up not far from here on the Vermont side of the US/Canada border and are doing their thing. This is a little discomforting and disturbing to me, so I wanted to find out what these guys were all about.

From their webpage, "The Minuteman Project is not a call to arms, but a call to voices seeking a peaceful and respectable resolve to the chaotic neglect by members of our local, state and federal governments charged with applying U.S. immigration law. It is a call to bring national awareness to the decades-long careless disregard of effective U.S. immigration law enforcement. It is a reminder to Americans that our nation was founded as a nation governed by the "rule of law," not by the whims of mobs of ILLEGAL aliens who endlessly stream across U.S. borders."

THE MINE EXPLORER SOCIETY

http://www.mineexplorer.org.uk/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

We are a group of friends that have been exploring abandoned mines since the 1980's, predominately in the small village of Nenthead in Cumbria on Alston moor. We are a society and members of NAMHO. This web site is all about our exploration, including some basic history of the village and mines. To see the mines that we have been to and our trip index, see Mines / Trip Index.

UNDER CITY

http://www.undercity.org/intro.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Steve Duncan is fascinated by underground infrastructure and environments, as well as all of the forgotten, invisible, and abandoned places that exist in cities. He has found that, especially in cities, going into underground or abandoned places means going back in time, and seeing things that have remained unchanged and perhaps unseen since they were first constructed fifty, a hundred, or a hundred and fifty years ago. His photography captures both the sense of history of these places, as well as the excitement and adventure that comes of seeing something unique that few others will ever have the chance to see.

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BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS
NEW FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

THE ARRL DXCC LIST - APRIL 2006 EDITION

The official source of DXCC information! Record the DXCC Entities you've worked and QSLed! This new edition includes a complete listing of DX Century Club rules including the latest changes and clarifications. It includes the current entity list, deleted entities, and recent DXCC Entity additions. Also included: a prefix cross-reference, the list of international call sign series, and much more. Descriptions of all DXCC awards are covered, and information about how to get numerous DXCC items, such as pins and plaques. This is a "must have" for every DXer. April 2006 edition, The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-961-2) #9612 -- $7.50 Canadian. NOW SHIPPING!

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Pocket-sized book (3.25 x 5.25 inches). 35th edition, 2006, The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
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A new, updated book list is now available on the Radio HF webpage at http://www.radiohf.ca, under Publications.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

SIR LINKSALOT

http://www.sirlinksalot.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is a collection of web directories that will help you find news, information, fan sites, merchandise and just about everything else related to your favorite topics. SirLinksalot searches and researches so you don't have to!

HUNKIN'S EXPERIMENTS

http://www.hunkinsexperiments.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Cool cartoons that will have you experimenting with food, light, sound, clothes, and a whole lot more!! Hundreds of cartoon experiments from cartoonist, broadcaster and engineer Tim Hunkin.

THE OOPS LIST

http://www.micom.net/oops/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

They call it OOPS. I call it laughing at people who screw up big time. Quite a large collection involving aircraft included.

THE ANTIQUE CORSET GALLERY

http://www.antiquecorsetgallery.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Take a guided tour through the last 250 years of corsetry and under-supports. Discover the fascinating ways in which our ancestors managed to achieve those fashionable figures. The Antique Corset Gallery has arrived, allowing you to view in detail those rare and unique items which were previously kept well covered up! The Antique Corset Gallery timeline arranges the last two and a half centuries of corsetry into logical stages. Each stage invites you to examine the shape, fabric, colour and construction of that era.

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THE 2006 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, April 22
Montreal Hamfest and Fleamarket LaSalle (Montreal), Québec
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 (LaSalle), 7771 Bouvier corner of Shevchenko. STM Bus 109 at the door.
Vendors 08:00 Public 09:00 to 12:00.
Admission - 4.00$
Talk-in: VE2RED 147.270 (+)
Information: James R. Hay, VE2VE - (514)-697-7205
E-mail: ve2arc@...
Web page: http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html
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Sunday, May 7
O.C.A.R.C. 2nd Annual Flea Market - Kelowna, British Columbia
Location: Ellison Heritage School Community Centre, 4411 Old Vernon Road, (East of the Kelowna Airport), Kelowna, B.C.
Vendors 08:00, Public 09:00
Admission 2.00$ Tables 10.00.
Talk-in: 146.680 (-)
Information: Keith Manhard, VE7KNG, 250-766-2179 or Carl Bertholm, VE7CLC 250-769-4184
E-mail: ve7kng@rac.ca
Web page: http://www.ocarc.ca/hamsale

Saturday, May 13
22nd Annual Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Fleamarket - Smiths Fall, Ontario
Location: Smiths Falls Youth Arena (behind 150 Elmsley Street North, Corner of Cornelia Street (County Road 43) and Elmsley Street) Smiths Falls, ON.
Vendors 07:00 Public 09:00 to noon
Tables 10.00$ General Admission 3.00$
Talk-in: VE3RLR 147.210 (+)
Information E-mail: irmajohn@...
Web page: http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, May 13
Down East Fleamarket - Halifax, Nova Scotia
Location: Halifax Forum Complex at the corner of Young and Windsor Streets
Time: Vendors at 06:30 and General Public at 09:00 - Tables: T.B.A.
Vendors must reserve tables in advance - General Public: T.B.A.
Talk-in: VE1PSR 147.270 (+)
E-mail: flea@halifax-arc.org
Web http://www.halifax-arc.org/harcweb/Events/Fleamarket.html

Sunday, May 28, 2006
Hamfest du Quebec Tracy/Sorel, Quebec
Location: Aurele Racine Curling Arena, Tracy, QC
Time: Vendors 6 AM; Public 9 AM
Admission: $5
E-Mail: ve2cbs@...
Web: http://www.hamfest.qc.ca/
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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, now in its 19th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

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